



TENNESSEE STATE VETERANS' HOMES BOARD

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Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder
TN Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Nashville, TN

Dear Commissioner Grinder,

I am pleased to report to the UTVA that the Tennessee State Veterans' Homes continue to provide top quality care and service. The Veterans' Homes' continue to be financially self-sufficient. No state funds are used for operations.

Surveys/Inspections

The State Veterans' Homes receive the greatest level of scrutiny of any nursing homes in the state. They are inspected annually by both TNDOH and Federal VA surveyors.

Murfreesboro

TDH Annual Survey - Aug 2011

2 Deficiencies (minor)

TDH Complaint Survey - Aug 2011

1 Deficiency (minor)

VA Survey - June 2011

- Deficiency Free

The Murfreesboro home remains a CMS rated 5 Star Facility.

Humboldt

TDH Annual Survey– Feb 2012

1 Deficiency

VA Survey – Feb 2012

Deficiency Free

Federal LFS – Mar 2012

Deficiency Free

Knoxville

TDH Annual Survey - May 2011

Deficiency Free

VA Survey – March 2012

Deficiency Free

TOSHA Survey – Feb 2012

1 Citation

Operations

The staffing at each of our homes remains at over twice the TN requirement. The three homes' census averages at over 95% of capacity. The statewide census average for all other nursing homes is 86%. The homes have an annual budget of \$39M (FY2011-2012) with an economic impact to the State of \$19.5 million dollars in payroll.

License Plate

A specialty license plate has been approved for pre-sales. This plate will honor the service of Tennessee's Veterans. Net proceeds from the sale of these plates will be allocated as follows: 50 percent to the Tennessee State Veterans' Homes Board; 40 percent to the Tennessee Arts Commission; and 10 percent to the State Highway Fund.

New Construction

There are 1311 Veterans' Home beds needed in Tennessee. There are 420 beds in place at the three facilities. This leaves a current unmet need for 891 beds. To resolve this deficit there are three new construction projects under development.

1. Clarksville

- a. Hart Freeland Roberts (architect) is in the Schematic Design Phase and developing the Program for design of the Clarksville home.
- b. HFR presented TSVH with two alternative design concepts. These are currently under review and revision.
- c. The property is basically rectangular in shape with approximately 800 feet of frontage along Arrowood Drive, and 660 feet of depth for a total of 9.57 acres
- d. The tract has visibility from Purple heart Parkway
- e. The tract is level, cleared and "pad ready" with utilities available
- f. The facility is expected to be operational in 2014.

2. Cleveland-Bradley County anticipating funding approval in FY 2013-2014 for a 108 bed skilled nursing facility. It is projected operational in 2015.
3. Memphis-Shelby County has been approved for consideration. To date no part of the State/Local portion of construction costs have been raised. The specific location is yet to be determined. It is projected operational in 2017.
4. A State Veteran's home is currently being discussed for the Johnson City/Bristol/Kingsport area.

Sincerely,

Ed Harries
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Tennessee State Veterans' Homes